



## Statement at the 72nd Session of the WHO World Health Assembly

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### Agenda Item: 21.1 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

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We welcome the 2nd biennial report on Outcomes of the 2nd International Conference on Nutrition & implementation plan of the Ending Childhood Obesity report.

We commend UN agencies, especially WHO & FAO, & leading Member States, in developing & disseminating tools, briefs & guidance, & forming Action Networks to accelerate & align policy actions to address malnutrition in all its forms.

However, we are concerned with uneven progress & underscore the Director-General's recommended areas of action to reach nutrition & NCD targets.

To accelerate progress in the Decade of Action on Nutrition, we:

- Call for **intensified implementation of SMART commitments to address malnutrition in all its forms**, prioritising policy & interventions which concurrently address undernutrition, overweight & obesity, & other diet related NCDs;
- Reiterate the potential for comprehensive **multi-sectoral actions to strengthen sustainable food systems**, & need for **policy coherence** to benefit human & planetary health;
- **Emphasise that prevention & health promotion are pathways to UHC**, including but not limited to primary health care, & **urge implementation of evidence-informed nutrition policies, in all settings**, including breastfeeding promotion, good hygiene practices, vitamin & micronutrient supplementation (where appropriate), food warning labels, marketing restrictions, sugar sweetened beverage taxes, & trans-fat elimination.
- **Request governments engage civil society** in planning & implementing nutrition & NCD actions, & recommend **protecting policymaking from conflict of interest & industry interference**;
- Call for governments to prepare for **Japan's 2020 Nutrition Summit**, with **stronger commitments to SMART policies & increases in domestic & international financing for nutrition & NCDs**.

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